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TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of The American Purity Alliance was held on the afternoon of Saturday, January 18th, 1902, in the parlors of the Isaac T. Hopper Home, New York City. The president, Dr. O. Edward Janney, presided, with a good attendance of members.

Letters from absent members were read and appreciated.

LETTER FROM REV. ANNA GARLIN SPENCER.

MY DEAR MRS. POWELL:

I regret very much that I cannot be present at the Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of the "Alliance." Saturday, is in this case, an impossible day for me with Sunday engagement already fixed. I wish to bear testimony to the value of the work of the Alliance during the past year. The facts given in *THE PHILANTHROPIST*, and the effort made at Washington in regard to lessening the evils of licensed or permitted prostitution in the distant countries newly attached to us, have been most important.

Although circumstances have prevented my meeting with you at New York or doing enough to justify the holding of my name in official relationship to *THE PHILANTHROPIST*, I have not been wholly idle in respect to our common cause. I have addressed letters to prominent people at Washington, urging more thorough investigation of the conditions in Hawaii, Manila and other points where our military occupation has introduced the "Regulation System." We can never tell what good a personal word accomplishes, but each must bear testimony in high places against wrong. I know that my protest in regard to the connection between our Army officials and social vice, has reached the proper source of power. I am sure that many such words sent out of earnest conviction, will have their due weight in time. Meanwhile, there is no organized Body in America which has laid upon it a more important or more difficult commission than The American Purity Alliance. With the new

growth of "Militarism" so saddening to many of our hearts, we may expect an increase of that particular form of social evil, which, so far, seems invariably to follow that spirit of "Militarism," viz.: "State Regulation of vice in supposed interest of soldier's health." All the previous work of the Purity Alliance to prevent "State Regulation" of vice in American communities, seems to me as nothing besides that new and terrible task of combating the influence of army officers and surgeons pledged to "Regulation" in our so-called foreign possessions. For this work we must gird up our loins and strengthen all our endeavor to make our next year of service exceed all that has been gained before. I shall hope myself to be able to do more and to meet with you all oftener in the present year. I expect to be in Washington for two weeks in February. If there is any commission I might execute in behalf of The American Purity Alliance, alone, or in connection with any other of its officers, I should be very glad to be used. Personally, I shall follow up the letters I have already sent, by one or two interviews, which I hope may be of some service.

I congratulate the Alliance upon the force and dignity of the current numbers of THE PHILANTHROPIST and rejoice that although we never can make up the loss of our great leader, Aaron Powell, we have new workers to depend upon to carry forward our cause. Since our last meeting, another grand standard bearer has gone, Mr. Blackwell, and we can but trust that more young men will be won to the service, to in some measure, make good that great loss.

Awaiting with interest the Annual Report, which will have so much of value for all our Social Purity workers, and giving the most cordial greetings to all the friends who will be present at the Annual Meeting, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

ANNA GARLIN SPENCER.

4 Bell St., Providence, R. I., Jan. 17, 1902.

Mr. J. W. Walton, of Ohio, writing to continue his donations, said: "Our cause is that of righteousness and is bound to succeed in the end. Let us be careful that, in dealing, as we must, with questions of iniquity and

immorality, we do not allow ourselves to be contaminated. * * * May the God of all purity so shield us all that the personal 'holiness, without which no man shall [can] see the Lord' shall be ours. And in the public utterances of the Alliance, let us bear in mind that our words are spread abroad among sensitive young persons as well as among thoughtful sociologists."

Mrs. Charlotte S. Lewis, of Philadelphia, in a letter enclosing a contribution in aid of the work, wrote: "I read THE PHILANTHROPIST with interest. * * * It is encouraging to feel that our new President of the country is in sympathy with the effort to raise the moral standard, but while wars continue there will be much to contend with."

Mrs. Armenia S. White, of Concord, N. H., who has for many years contributed annually to the cause, in sending a message of encouragement, said: "The Purity cause seems to progress, though but slowly, I hope surely, and I hope the Government will take no backward steps. It will require the constant vigilance of the noble and self-sacrificing men and women who are so grandly at work in this great reform to keep the enemy back. May Heaven's blessing rest upon them."

The financial report for the year was presented by the treasurer, and having been audited, was approved. The report is printed in full on another page.

The President read his annual report, showing the work of the Alliance during the past year, outlining that for the future, and presenting the outlook for purity at home and abroad.

The Alliance then proceeded with the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the choice of O. Edward Janney, M. D., of Baltimore, for

President; Mrs. Anna Rice Powell, for Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer; and Mrs. Naomi Lawton Davis, for Recording Secretary; all being re-elected.

The following resolutions were offered by a committee previously appointed, and were unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

The American Purity Alliance, assembled in annual session, having reviewed the events of the past year, would send a message of hope and encouragement to all friends of purity, with the expression of an earnest hope that their efforts in this reform may be continued with unremitting zeal and unflagging faith.

It is with disapproval and regret that we learn of the continued sanction and attempted regulation of vice in our army. That the influence of arbitrary rule should thus be used to encourage an enslavement of the poor victims of our soldiers' lust is particularly reprehensible, while its pretended protection is a hollow mockery. In this connection we wish to bear our testimony against the employment as a text book in our military schools of Munson's "Military Hygiene." This work misrepresents the facts, perniciously advocates regulation, and practically encourages a form of vice on the part of our soldiers in the tropics, which must return to poison American homes and corrupt American hearts. The practice of Regulation should be discontinued in the army, and the book in question withdrawn from use, or have its false and pernicious teaching expurgated. For this end the Alliance will plead and agitate and work.

We rejoice that the unspeakable infamy of that barracks of sin in Honolulu, known as Iweilei, has been obliged to stop its evil work, and our gratitude goes out to all who assisted in this effort, especially to the United States Grand Jury and its energetic foreman, whose persistent labors with the jury produced a presentment which resulted in an expressed public sentiment which closed Iweilei.

During the year a number of the friends of the Alliance passed from work to reward. Among them our forceful and resourceful co-worker, Samuel C. Blackwell. His persuasive voice and ready pen have so often inspired the friends of the cause and confounded its enemies, that we shall greatly miss his cheery presence in all of our meetings. His was the "lion's heart" in love for the cause and for our common humanity. Our tenderest sympathy goes out to the families of all the company of the loved but not the lost who during the year have "gone before." Cherishing their memories we again reconsecrate our lives to the undoing of the heavy burdens which enlisted their interest and activity.

The resort to any form of regulation for the social evil, by towns and municipalities, whether by official order or by private arrangement on the part of the proprietors of iniquity, is particularly objectionable and to be condemned. These forms of regulation seem to be increasing in certain sections of our country, and we warn such communities against the consuming fire of the folly upon which they are relying. The American Purity Alliance cannot do less than here renew its purpose to unceasingly oppose the monstrous doctrine that the stamp of government approval cleanses the garment of vice. The function of humane government is to discourage and prevent iniquity as part of the divinely appointed business to protect the people and conserve the common weal.

We acknowledge with gratitude the recent visit to this country of Maurice Gregory, representing the British Abolition societies. Those who were permitted to enjoy his fellowship, and to partake of his rich stores of information, had their intelligent zeal for the cause increased, and were the better fortified for future labor in its behalf. He was vigilant and enthusiastic as a propagandist, and was able by his persuasion and argument to soften the opposition of our enemies, and in some cases to transform them into friends. Thus appreciating the visit of our friend and co-worker, we can only hope that he may come again, and that his consecrated labor may be to him a perpetual inspiration and a sweet reward.

Rev. S. S. Seward moved the passage of the resolutions and took occasion to express his continued

allegiance to the Alliance. He suggested a campaign of education on the subject of purity and against regulation of vice by law. He favored a plan by which carefully prepared pamphlets, treating on these subjects, should be published. These should be thoroughly up-to-date, stating modern conditions so clearly that none may longer plead ignorance.

Miss Grace H. Dodge endorsed the remarks of Mr. Seward, and emphasized especially the need of education among physicians and teachers as to regulation of vice.

Dr. Janney spoke of the necessity of establishing a propaganda against state regulation of vice, endeavoring especially to reach physicians and the instructors of the young.

Dr. McNutt said the whole subject of regulation had been considered for several months by a committee of the Medical Society of the County of New York, which had recently made a report antagonizing any form of regulation and favoring the education of the young. This attitude of the profession is very encouraging to us.

Mrs. Josephine Shaw Lowell suggested that a letter thanking the members of the committee of physicians above mentioned, be prepared by the officers and forwarded. This was agreed to.

Rev. Antoinette B. Blackwell thought we ought to feel that there was much to encourage us in the progress made in the work during the past year. She spoke of the importance of educating *all* classes of people, paying especial attention to *parents*, who in turn will influence their children.

Mr. Elias H. Underhill urged that efforts should be

made to show the great need of purity work, as the large majority of persons are ignorant of the magnitude of the evil. The facts should be taught.

Mrs. Anna Rice Powell said there was great encouragement in the growth of instruction in our public schools as to purity.

Mrs. Anna M. Jackson suggested that influence should be exerted, either through a personal interview with President Roosevelt or Secretary Root, or an official letter, to abolish the regulation of vice in Manila, as stated to exist there, in the report of the Surgeon-General of the Army, just issued.

It was decided to leave the method of proceeding to the judgment of the President of the Alliance.

Miss Grace H. Dodge and Mrs. A. M. Jackson referred to the need for the preparation of two pamphlets, one for the instruction of those who have little knowledge of the purity question, and another to be sent to physicians.

They were directed to be published, and on motion of Miss Dodge it was decided to ask for a special fund to assist in the circulation of these pamphlets.

Adjournment then followed, the thought being expressed that the meeting had been an important and encouraging occasion.

*ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMERICAN
PURITY ALLIANCE FOR 1901.*

The year just closed has been one of deep interest to the friends of purity, owing to important events occurring at home and abroad. It is with great thankfulness that we note the outcome of these movements to be, on the whole, favorable to our cause.

LOCAL CONDITIONS.

New York City has been stirred as seldom before by the introduction of moral questions into a political campaign, the results of which must be an improvement in social conditions;—an improvement that will be permanent if the people of the city so desire and so decide.

The Committee of Fifteen of New York, appointed over a year ago, has not yet made a full report. A non-committal preliminary report appeared some months ago, which did not give much encouragement to the friends of true reform. Their full report is promised soon and its appearance is looked for with interest mingled with a certain amount of apprehension as to methods that may be proposed. Our influence has been exerted in a quiet way, during the year, to give the Committee what information and assistance we could.

Since our last report no organized effort has been made to introduce regulation into the United States, but it has been brought to our notice that several cities

have adopted regulation of prostitution under police authority, or in an unofficial way. Regulation, with all its distressing features, is still continued in the Philippines, but it is with a sense of relief that we report the abolition of the iniquitous place of prostitution at Iweilei, in the Hawaian Islands, under pressure from the local church, Judge Humphreys and the Grand Jury assisted, probably, by orders from the government at Washington. The abolition of the army canteen, we believe to have given a blow to army prostitution, which was the next step in contemplation.

THE ATTITUDE OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

It is a matter of great satisfaction as well as importance that the President of the United States is opposed to regulation of vice, and has enlightened views relative to its management.

The President of the Alliance had an interview with him by appointment, on the 17th of October last, in company with Mr. Maurice Gregory, of England, on which occasion our views as to the proper means of combating vice were briefly laid before him, receiving his apparent approval. We may rely upon his interest and support in our work.

WORK OF THE PAST YEAR.

The chief features of the work of the Alliance during the past year have been the continued publication and distribution of literature; the publication of *THE PHILANTHROPIST*; the holding of a number of meetings for the instruction of young and older persons in purity; keeping in touch with other associations, including those located abroad, whose aims are like our

own; assisting in holding the Purity Convention in Chicago, October 8th to 10th, 1901, and in exerting a helpful influence wherever opportunity offered.

THE PHILANTHROPIST.

Our Quarterly, THE PHILANTHROPIST, has, during the year, touched on various current phases of Purity Reform. It grows in interest, value and influence, and is evidently appreciated by its readers. The latest issue, larger by several pages than usual, and containing an account of the Chicago Convention and some of its papers, has been sent, in addition to its regular list, to all members of our National Congress, the President and his Cabinet, and the Governor of each State, with the hope of thus exerting a good influence on the minds of leading men.

Such a publication as THE PHILANTHROPIST should have far wider circulation than it has, and the members of the Alliance are urged to take this matter into earnest consideration.

MEETINGS AND ADDRESSES.

Under the auspices of the Alliance, meetings were held at the Maryland House of Refuge, where 300 boys were addressed, most of them promising to endeavor to lead moral lives. An interesting occasion was a meeting of all the classes in one of the medical colleges in Baltimore, where after an address, a number of the students signed the White Cross Pledge.

The members of the Alliance endeavor to seize every opportunity that offers to educate the public in the line of purity of thought and word and deed. A

systematic plan of White Cross work has been adopted, including keeping a registry of names of those who have signed the pledge, and sending to each one every three months some literature and several cards for signatures of other young men. By this means a chain is formed, with rapid growth probable.

THE PURITY CONVENTION.

The Purity Convention held in Chicago, October 8th to 10th, 1901, has been reported in *THE PHILANTHROPIST*. The President of the Alliance was present as its accredited delegate. Jonathan W. Plummer, Hannah A. Plummer, Anne W. Janney, Allen J. Flitcraft, Emma Flitcraft and other co-workers of the Alliance were present at some of the sessions.

Although the attendance at the convention was small, there were delegates from widely separated localities. Many phases of the Purity question were discussed in a thoughtful and generally adequate manner. On the whole, it may be said that it was well to have held the convention, that it marked a distinct advance in the Purity movement and has proven a source of help and encouragement to the friends of our cause everywhere.

MR. GREGORY'S VISIT.

The visit of Mr. Maurice Gregory, the delegate to the Chicago Convention from the British and Continental Abolition Association, was much appreciated. He made a point of interviewing persons of influence in several centres, endeavoring to direct their thoughts into proper channel; while correcting false views, his wide experience in the work enabling him to make a deep impression upon his hearers. Following out a plan decided

upon after consultation with his friends here, he has, since his return to England, sent several excellent and convincing pamphlets to a large number of physicians, editors and public men throughout the United States, with the aim of preventing the threatened movement in favor of regulation in this country. The good results of this effort are already apparent, and the thanks of this Alliance as also those of all good citizens, are due Maurice Gregory and those whom he represents for the admirable work done for us.

A MISLEADING MEDICAL BOOK.

While the upholders of regulation are not at present making an open fight, they are busy laying the foundations for future activity. An example of this is the successful effort to place in the curriculum of the Army Medical School in Washington City, where young army surgeons receive instruction, a text-book on hygiene which strongly advocates regulation with all its obnoxious features, the author endeavoring to strengthen his position by the most untruthful and misleading statements as to the results of regulation abroad. A strong effort is being made to have this book and its teaching condemned, and in this effort we should continue our assistance.

The medical profession of the United States has not been properly instructed as to the question of regulation, and its members are inclined to favor it, but are prevented from doing so actively by dread of adverse public opinion.

IN MEMORIAM.

During the past year three of our devoted friends have been removed from active service by death:—

Samuel C. Blackwell, of New York City, Mary Shannon, of Newton, Massachusetts, and Mrs. George L. Stearns, of Medford, Massachusetts. All of these beloved co-workers had the cause of Purity very near their hearts, and we owe much to their sympathy and practical help. Mr. Blackwell will be especially missed as a member of the Executive Committee of the Alliance on whose wise counsel and faithful services we could always depend. Appreciative tributes to these departed friends, written by those who knew them well have been published in *THE PHILANTHROPIST*.

FINANCES.

The receipts and expenses of the past year are shown in the accompanying report of our Treasurer. Sufficient has been received to meet all bills, as our expenses are carefully kept within bounds. We are very thankful for the practical assistance of our friends as well as for their continued interest and ever-ready co-operation. In the future, as in the past, we shall endeavor to do the best we can with the means at hand, although everyone must realize the results that could be reached through more abundant resources. It is, perhaps, not too much to hope that the Alliance may at some time be endowed with abundant means for carrying on its extremely valuable work, the urgent need for which becomes every day more apparent.

NEW HEADQUARTERS.

The necessity for permanent headquarters in New York City, where our literature can be kept, and mail received, and to serve as the office of *THE PHILANTHROPIST*, becoming more and more apparent, Room

No. 8, at 9 West 14th street, has been rented and placed in charge of those who will look after our interests.

EVENTS ABROAD.

The Federation for the Abolition of State Regulation of Vice held its usual Conference in May last, in Lyons, France, proving to be an interesting and important occasion. The Mayor of Lyons, himself a physician, made an impressive address, claiming that were the question of regulation of vice left to the people and officials of Lyons, it would be promptly abolished, but as the system is under control of the French Government, no local agitation is effective. The Federation is continuing its vigilant and influential labors.

Under the auspices of The National Vigilance Association, a Conference on the subject of the White Slave Traffic, was held at Amsterdam, Holland, October 3d and 4th, 1901. An important announcement was made at one of the sessions that the French Government had agreed, at as early a date as possible, to invite representatives of the European Powers to assemble at Paris, to discuss present laws in the different countries and decide in what way it is possible to strengthen them in an international point of view, with the purpose of dealing in a more effective manner with those engaged in traffic in girls. A code of rules has been suggested as a basis of action.

It is a hopeful indication that Professor Fournier of Paris, who has been so long the chief advocate and promoter of regulation, but whose views are evidently changing, has signified his approval of Dr. Hutchinson's attitude, that the best way to prevent the extension of

specific diseases is to instruct the young. Accordingly he has assisted in organizing an association called the "Société Française de Prophylaxie Sanitaire et Morale," a chief object of which is to encourage courses of lectures on the relations of the sexes to boys and young men in schools and colleges.

Our co-workers in Great Britain and on the continent are earnestly laboring to promote Purity and to gain for it friends and workers.

FUTURE WORK.

The work of the Alliance for the present year should embrace the continued publication of *THE PHILANTHROPIST*, with endeavors to increase its circulation; the dissemination of Purity literature; the endeavors to reach young men and women and to rouse parents, teachers, physicians and editors to an increased sense of responsibility; to study the currents of thought and the trend of public opinion, endeavoring to direct these currents aright and to educate the minds of men to higher ideals of Purity and integrity, thus preventing any efforts that aim at future good though present evil.

We should make a special effort, during the present year, to bring influences to bear on the government to abolish the regulation or "superintendence" of vice in the army.

In a spirit of mutual happiness and loving service, let us through the ensuing year endeavor with Divine assistance, to push forward the work that has been committed to our care, with full confidence that the Divine blessing will rest upon our efforts.

BEQUESTS.

The American Purity Alliance is duly incorporated, and is therefore legally qualified to receive, hold and use property, money and real estate. We commend to those blessed with the means to bequeath, this method of continuing helpful service for the promotion of Purity after having passed on to the larger life. The following is a suitable form of bequest, to be incorporated in any will, or added thereto as a codicil:

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to THE AMERICAN PURITY ALLIANCE, incorporated in the year 1895 under the laws of the State of New York, the sum of.....Dollars, to be used for the purposes of said Alliance, and under its direction.

O. EDWARD JANNEY, M. D.,
President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

FROM JANUARY 1, 1901 TO JANUARY 1, 1902.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1900	\$426 39
Received from PHILANTHROPIST and other Publications.....	95 52
Received from Donations and Memberships.....	460 12
	\$982 03

EXPENDITURES.

For PHILANTHROPIST and other Publications.....	\$437 35
“ Office Rent.....	76 00
“ Postage, Expressage and Stationery... ..	38 87
“ Meetings and Sundries.....	153 35
“ Clerical Service.....	61 00
	\$766 57
Balance January 1, 1902	\$215 46

Audited and found correct.

ANNA LUKENS, M. D.

DONATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS.

FROM JANUARY 1, 1901, TO JANUARY 1, 1902.

S. C. & A. B. Blackwell	\$15 00
Anna Lukens, M. D.	10 00
Mrs. S. S. Minturn.....	25 00
Anna B. Day	5 00
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. G. Wilcox.....	25 00
Alice Stone Blackwell	5 00
Miss Bertha G. Brooks.....	10 00
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Susan Dixwell Miller.....	5 00
Emily Howland.....	8 75
Naomi Lawton Davis.....	5 00
Samuel Marshall.....	25 00
J. Howard Wright.....	25 00
Mr. & Mrs. R. R. Willets.....	20 00
Maria Murdock	5 00
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Rev. & Mrs. W. C. Gannett.....	5 00
Phebe C. Wright.....	5 00
Helen E. Brown	2 00
Mrs. J. S. Lowell	10 00
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Rev. W. T. Sabine, D. D.....	5 00
Dr. Evelyn Garrigue	5 00
Dr. Mercy N. Baker.....	2 00
Mrs. Wm. Emerson, Jr.....	5 00
In Memory of Abby Hopper Gibbons	5 00
Share of Surplus Funds of Purity Congress.....	5 00
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Lydia A. Schofield	1 00
Helen Train Tannehill.....	1 00
Mrs. Anna Sterling.....	1 00
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Frances E. Baright.....	1 00
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In Memory of Aaron M. Powell	5 00

IN MEMORIAM.

SAMUEL C. BLACKWELL.

It is with a deep sense of the loss The American Purity Alliance has sustained that we record the death, on October 26, of Samuel C. Blackwell, who was one of the most efficient members of its Executive Committee. He was a man of marked purity and strength of character, wise in counsel and morally heroic, to espouse unpopular reforms in devotion to great principles. He has left the impress of his helpfulness in many good causes upon all who knew him. He was faithful in the anti-slavery cause, as also in the efforts to gain equality of rights for women; and his service in behalf of a higher standard of morals, alike for men and women, will never be forgotten by those who have been privileged to labor with him.

He was born in Bristol, England. November 5, 1823. Soon after the removal of the large family of eight brothers and sisters to this country they were left fatherless. But having marked ability, and courage, they conquered bravely in the struggle, and have made the name honored in America for their service in the movements for the uplifting of humanity.

The sisters Dr. Elizabeth and Emily Blackwell, were pioneers as women physicians, leading in a thorny way to make smooth the path of those women who have followed them in that profession. Their brother Samuel did very much to aid them in their heroic labor.

One brother, Henry B. Blackwell, who married Lucy Stone, of blessed memory, has devoted his life to the Woman's Rights Movement. Other members of the family have also made their lives helpful in good works.

In 1859, Samuel Blackwell married the Rev. Antoinette L. Brown, who still survives him, the first woman regularly ordained as a minister in this country. This union brought not only blessing to themselves, but to others in its fruitfulness of unselfish service for an applied Christianity. Five daughters are left to comfort the widowed mother, and to perpetuate the favored home influence. They have the tender sympathy of a large circle of appreciative friends.

In our grief at his loss we may well say of him as Whittier said of another:

“Thanks for the good man's beautiful example,
Who in the vilest saw
Some sacred crypt or altar of a temple
Still vocal with God's law.

His faith and works, like streams that intermingle,
In the same channel ran:
The crystal clearness of an eye kept single.
Shamed all the frauds of man.

The very gentlest of all human natures
He joined to courage strong,
And love outreaching unto all God's creatures
With sturdy hate of wrong.

And now he rests; his greatness and his sweetness
No more shall seem at strife;
And death has moulded into calm completeness
The statue of his life.”—*The Philanthropist*.

CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN PURITY ALLIANCE.

In view of the wide-spread suffering, physical disease, deplorable hereditary results, degradation of manhood and womanhood, and the peril to the home, society and the State involved in the prevalent immorality, we do hereby agree, with a prayerful reliance upon Divine aid, to form ourselves into an association, to be governed by the following constitution:

ARTICLE I. This association shall be called *THE AMERICAN PURITY ALLIANCE*.

ARTICLE II. The objects of this Alliance are the repression of vice, the prevention of its regulation by the State, the better protection of the young, the rescue of the fallen, the extension of the White Cross among men, and to maintain the law of purity as equally binding upon men and women.

ARTICLE III. Any person who consents to the principles of this constitution, and who contributes annually one dollar or more to its funds, may be a member of this Alliance, and shall be entitled to a vote at its meetings.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Alliance shall be a president, vice-presidents, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, a treasurer, and an executive committee to consist of the president, secretaries, treasurer, and not less than five additional members; and a general council of twenty or more members.

ARTICLE V. The Executive Committee shall have power to enact their own by-laws, fill any vacancy in their body, and in the offices of secretary and treasurer, direct the treasurer in the application of all monies, and call special meetings of the Alliance. They shall make arrangements for all meetings, and make an annual written report of their doings, and of the expenditures and funds of the Alliance.

ARTICLE VI. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Alliance, or, in his absence, one of the vice-presidents, or, in their absence, a president pro tem. The corresponding secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Alliance. The recording secretary shall notify all meetings of the Alliance and of the executive committee, and shall keep records of the same. The treasurer shall receive the subscriptions, make payments at the direction of the executive committee, and present a written and audited account to accompany the annual report. The duties of members of the general council shall be advisory, in connection with the executive committee, to advise and inform the latter as to the condition, progress and needs, legislative and otherwise, of the cause of Purity in their respective States and localities.

ARTICLE VII. The annual meeting of the Alliance shall be held each year at such time and place as the executive committee may direct, when the accounts of the treasurer shall be presented, the annual report read, appropriate addresses delivered, the officers chosen, and such other business transacted as shall be deemed expedient.

ARTICLE VIII. Any Purity or White Cross association founded on the same principles may become auxiliary to this Alliance, by contributing annually the sum of five dollars to its treasury. The officers of each auxiliary association shall be ex-officio members of this organization, and shall be entitled to deliberate and vote in the transaction of its concerns.

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